



Thrupp Primary School Newsletter

October 2025

Welcome

Welcome to our October Newsletter. A slightly different version, please let me know your thoughts. We have had a busy month with lots going on in the classrooms and outside. With half term upon us, we would like to wish you a relaxing break next week and we'll see you refreshed and ready on Monday 3rd November.

Thank you from Sally

To the Wonderful Thrupp Parents, I just wanted to write after the summer break to say the biggest 'Thank you' to you all. The outpouring of generosity, gratitude and love you showed me at the end of term has left me with memories that I'll treasure forever. I wish you all another great year in our fabulous and special school and nursery, Best wishes Mrs Aldridge.

Year 6 Residential

Residential was a huge success this year with all 20 children being able to be involved. They were pushed in many ways with lots overcoming fears and completing some high-wire activities. All the children were fantastic all week and we were complimented by lots of the PGL staff on how well-mannered and behaved they were. I know that the children would have gained so much from this week and now have some wonderful memories to share.

Pictures are up on the school website if you wish to see some of the great times we shared.



Kestrels and Hawks Open Classrooms

It was lovely to welcome our Kestrels and Hawks parents into our classrooms a few weeks ago. We hope you enjoyed seeing your children's classrooms and hearing about what they've been up to so far this year. We look forward to welcoming you again later in the school year, where you'll have an opportunity to have a look at your children's books too.

Languages Day 2025

On September 26th, Thrupp School celebrated European Day of Languages. Children came to school dressed in the colours of a chosen European country and we enjoyed discovering fun facts and greetings from the diverse countries on display. We learnt words in German, Spanish, Welsh and French in an assembly and came out singing a French counting song. Four parents kindly visited to share their Dutch, Icelandic, Spanish and French language skills, with stories, games and even some delicious Dutch biscuits! This year's theme, "Languages open our hearts and minds," was truly reflected throughout the day. A big thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers: Anna, Emile, Ariadne and Jeremie.

Eco Warriors

Thank you to Ethan, Isla and Orson in Owls, Fjola and Orin in Eagles, Bertie, Monty and Max in Buzzards and Ernie and Penny in Hawks for volunteering to be our Eco Warriors! We are Keen to Keep our School Green! Thank you for supporting the Mega Bus and reducing the pollution we create driving to school each day. We encourage everyone to donate and buy school uniform at the uniform sale. Remember every second hand item you buy means one less thing going to landfill - Reduce - Re-use - Recycle!

School Councillors

Congratulations to Matthew and Lola in Owls, Rory, Della and Dilys in Eagles, Cami and Zack in Buzzards and Charlie and Renata in Hawks. We have had two very successful meetings where we have elected the key positions with Dilys becoming Chairperson, Cami our Secretary and Lola our Treasurer and Matthew taking on the Vice role of all these positions. They are asking their peers about charities to support, ideas to raise funds and what would make Thrupp even better. Please share your ideas with any of the School Council reps.

Walking Bus

Last week we held our termly Mega Bus. We had 32 passengers on the bus. This will greatly reduce traffic on the lane and make our lane safer for pedestrians. Please support this facility. We have funding until February 2026 but if we do not increase our numbers this facility is not viable. This would be a real shame as it is very convenient for a number of our families and has so many positives for the children to start the day on the bus. Thank you for supporting Thrupp Walking Bus.



Children's Mental Health Day

On Friday 10th October we celebrated Children's Mental Health Day by wearing yellow to school as part of a National Day: Hello Yellow Day. We have been working with the children raising awareness of mental health and talking about how we all have mental health and we need to look after it. In assemblies we discussed what mental health is and ways to look after our mental health. We have also been talking about how it is OK to feel sad sometimes and recognise emotions, both positive and negative. We will continue to focus on mental health.

myHappyminds

We are part of a project called myHappyminds. I have attached a letter with more details and a QR code for you to be able to access the parent app. We are launching this project after the October break and it would be great if you can talk to your child/children about this as we will have a weekly focus. The thinking behind this project is for us to explore our mental wellbeing and understand our brain and how it copes in different situations. There is a video that you might want to have a look at that will explain the project and the app a little more. Staff have been trained and we are excited about sharing this through school (Fledglings included) in November. We will start with the first chapter: Meet Your Brain. If you would like more information, please ask either myself or any of our teaching team. We have a number of books: myHappymind by Laura Earnshaw that you are welcome to borrow. It is a really good read.

<https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/>

Busy October in Fledglings

Fledglings have had a fun filled, action packed October! They started with a little walk along to the post box to post a special letter. (I loved receiving my post! Some beautiful drawings had been sent to me!) They have enjoyed their afternoons, making the most of the amazing outdoor areas, hunting for signs of autumn and collecting things along the way. There have been lots of autumn craft activities to enjoy! Fledglings then made special invitations, inviting their Grown Ups from home in to nursery for a stay and play as well as story time sessions throughout the week. Last week, they had a very exciting visit from the Fire Service. The children (and staff) were lucky enough to try on the helmets, hold some of the equipment and sit inside the fire engine! This week we are celebrating Diwali and getting ready for a spooky end to the week.



Harvest Assembly

What a wonderful celebration of Harvest last week. Thank you to all the parents who bravely squeezed into our hall to see a collection of harvest celebrations from each class including songs, poems and artwork. A huge thank you for your generous contributions to the Stroud Food Bank collection, and a very special thank you to Lizzie, Steve, Greg and Anna for the live music to accompany the children's singing. I have spoken to Reverend Turk, he was devastated to have missed our Harvest Assembly. Unfortunately, he was double booked and therefore shared his thoughts elsewhere! His virtual thoughts were however with us.



Thrupp School Open Day

Last week we welcomed over 25 new families to our school. Families are looking around local schools to make a decision as to where they would like their child to go for both pre-school and school in September 2026. Our Year 6 pupils showed our families around and they were so warm and welcoming and every family I spoke to after were impressed by our children. Year 6s, thank you for making me proud and being proud of your school. It was wonderful to hear the commentary that you had showing visitors around.

Year 7 Places for September 2026

Don't forget parents with a Year 6 pupil need to select your school choices on the GCC website by the 31st October deadline! Reception year starters in 26 have until mid January to make their choices.

Parents Evenings

It has been wonderful to welcome you into school this week for our Autumn Term Parents Evening. Hopefully you were proud of what your child/children are achieving and you enjoyed looking through their work. Having good relationships with you is essential. Please do not wait until organised evenings like these if you would like to discuss an issue about your child. We are always here to support you and your child and want to talk at the earliest opportunity to ensure that your child is happy and achieving the best that they can.

Celebrating Diwali

Buzzards and Eagles joined together to celebrate Diwali on Tuesday afternoon. The children made Rangoli patterns and diva lamps, and learnt the story of Rama and Sita through dance! The children, as always, are really respectful of different cultures and celebrations and enjoy learning about a variety of faiths.

Spooky Dress Up Day

The children (and staff) enjoyed a dress up day today, there were skeletons, pumpkins, spiders, witches to name but a few. The children were in good spirits and this was fuelled by some delicious bakes and the end of the day pumpkin hunt. Thank you to our PTA for putting on these events to give the children treats and even more fun than a normal school day!

Poppy Appeal

Thrupp will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We have a box of goodies that our Year 6 children will come around during the first week back. A basic poppy is suggested at 20p, we then have wristbands, reflectors, zip pulls and snap bands at a suggested donation of 50p - £1.50.

Happy Holiday

It just leaves me to say have a wonderful October break. I hope you manage some time off work to enjoy some family time. Thank you for your continued support over this long term. We return to school on Monday 3rd November for a 7 week run up to Christmas! Have lots of fun

Donna Mylechreest

Dates for the Diary

October

Thursday 23 rd	Last Day of Term 1
Friday 24 th	INSET Day (Teaching staff only)

November

Monday 3 rd	Term 2 starts
Wednesday 5 th	Y4 and Y5 trip to Stroud Literature Festival
Thursday 13 th	School photographs
Friday 21 st	Eagles Class Assembly (9.00am) Eagles parents welcome

December

Thursday 4 th	Standards Governors (5.30pm) Full Governors (6.30pm)
Friday 5 th	Buzzards Class Assembly (9.00am) Buzzards parents welcome
Wednesday 10 th	KS1 Christmas Nativity (2.00pm)
Thursday 11 th	KS1 Christmas Nativity (9.15am)
	Singing at Waitrose (more details to follow)
Tuesday 16 th	KS2 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church (6.00pm)
Wednesday 17 th	Whole School Christmas Lunch (12 noon)
	Rock Steady Concert (2.30pm) Band parents welcome
Friday 19 th	Term 2 finishes at 2.15pm (Nursery at 2pm) Thruppers until 4.30pm

Spring Term 2026

January

Monday 5 th	Term 3 starts
Tuesday 12 th	KS2 to Birmingham for Young Voices

February

Friday 13 th	Last day of Term 3
Monday 23 rd	INSET Day (teaching staff only)
Tuesday 24 th	First day of Term 4

March

Friday 27 th	Last day of Term 4
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